

August 31, 2020

As of yesterday's report, Greenwood County had 23 additional confirmed cases in the county for a total of 1,813 cases confirmed since 21 March. Remember this is only those which have been confirmed and is for those who were tested a minimum of two days ago. This means there are others who have been tested and are in quarantine awaiting results. Additionally, an individual can be asymptomatic, (contagious but shows no symptoms), and may choose not to be tested.

The first 1,532 cases in Greenwood County were reported over 15 days ago, so there are 1,532 individuals who should have recovered from the virus. Additionally, Greenwood County has had 43 confirmed deaths due to the virus. This brings Greenwood County's remaining estimated total of active confirmed cases to 238. DHEC does not track recovered individuals by county, so this number is an estimate based on the following: Most individuals recover from the virus within this time frame.

From 17 August until 30 August (2 weeks), Greenwood has had 248 confirmed cases out of a population of 70,811. This equates to an incident rate of 350.2 per 100,000 individuals which is rated as **high** by SCDHEC. (Low = 50 or less; Medium = 51 - 200; High = 201 or more)

SCDHEC reported an additional 1,019 new confirmed cases in the state for a total of 116,697. Also, they reported 11 new confirmed deaths in the state for a total of 2,574. Please click this <u>link</u> to see the deaths by county. For additional information on underlying conditions or other information in this section, please call DHEC at 1-855- 472- 3432. SCDHEC has begun providing a number of probable cases and deaths. I will only be providing the confirmed numbers. Once a probable case or death is confirmed, they will add it to their confirmed total and I will report it.

SCDHEC reported 7,924 of 10,070 inpatient beds are in use for a 81.5% usage rate statewide. Of the 7,924 beds in use, 956 are occupied by patients who either have tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19. This is 12.1% of the beds in use.

As of 28 August, Greenwood County has 197 of 200 hospital beds in use which is 98.5% utilization rate. As of 28 August, Self Regional reported 51 COVID-19 patients with 16 in ICU. Of these, 12 patients are on ventilation.

SCDHEC is finding an increased rate of individuals who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious as they have expanded testing. This increases the risk of spreading the virus. Over the past couple of weeks, Greenwood County has seen the number of cases of COVID-19 increase. In some cases, this was the result of individuals not social distancing or wearing masks. It is important we slow the spread of the virus by keeping 6 feet apart, washing our hands, avoiding large gatherings, remaining home when sick and **wearing face coverings** when in public facilities which do not allow for social distancing.

To view additional state level data see DHEC's COVID-19 webpage.

To view additional county level data see <a href="DHEC's SC County-level data">DHEC's SC County-level data for COVID-19</a>.

The following are the dates and locations for COVID-19 mobile test sites in Greenwood County. Self Regional events will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

- 31 August: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional
- 10 September: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional
- 14 September: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional
- 16 September: 418 Marion Avenue, Greenwood, Carolina Health Centers, Macedonia Baptist Church, 10:00 until 3:00
- 17 September: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional
- 21 September: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional
- 24 September: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional
- 28 September: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional